



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

3 December 2001

NOTIFICATION

Re: Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use, Hanoi, Vietnam, 9 – 12 January 2002

Dear Madam/Sir,

I wish to draw your attention to decision V/24, paragraph 5 of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP), in which the COP:

"Invites Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to undertake appropriate actions to assist other Parties, especially developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to increase their capacity to implement sustainable-use practices, programmes and policies at regional, national and local levels, especially in pursuit of poverty alleviation. Appropriate actions may include: (a) Workshops...;"

In this context, the Executive Secretary, in close collaboration with the Government of The Netherlands, is organizing three regional workshops on the issue of sustainable use of biodiversity, including in particular timber, non-timber forest resources (NTFR), game utilization, capture fisheries and others. The purpose of these workshops is to develop practical principles and operational guidelines for the sustainable use of biodiversity and its components based on case studies and other experiences for submission to COP 6, and in-depth consideration at a SBSTTA meeting prior to COP 7.

The first workshop was held in Maputo, Mozambique in September 2001 and focused on sustainable use of terrestrial and dryland resources. It produced a set of axioms and guiding principles. These will be further developed in this second workshop to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam, with a focus on forest resources, including timber and non-timber forest resources (NTFRs). To ensure continuity from the first to the second workshop a few participants from the first workshop will also be invited to attend the second workshop. The results of the second workshop will be further developed in a third workshop, to be organized in Ecuador, South America with the focus on marine and coastal biodiversity. Again, some participants from the first and second workshops will carry over the accumulated experience and insights to the third workshop. Pending the necessary funding, SBSTTA 7 recommended a final fourth workshop to synthesize the conclusions of these three regional workshops into practical principles and operational guidance.

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The agenda and annotated agenda of this second Regional Workshop are attached to this notification. Other meeting documents will be forwarded to the selected experts in due course.

I invite you to nominate, at your earliest convenience but no later than **15 December 2001**, an expert who can participate in the second workshop. Nominations should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae that clearly indicates the areas of expertise in accordance with the following selection criteria:

- In-depth knowledge of forest biodiversity or forest goods and services;
- Sustainable use of biological resources (plants, animals and microorganisms);
- Traditional knowledge relating to the uses of forest resources
- Forest-related sectors: energy, trade of timber and non-timber forest resources, health, tourism;
- Sustainable forest management
- Agroforestry; farming/cropping systems
- Community-base management
- Valuation of forest biodiversity
- Forest related knowledge in social sciences and economics

The selection of experts will be based on expertise, taking into account gender balance and geographical distribution.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support to the work of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary



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Second meeting
Hanoi, Vietnam
9 to 12 January 2002

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters
 - 2.1. Election of officers;
 - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3. Organization of work.
3. Feedback from the first regional workshop on sustainable use of biological diversity held in Maputo, Mozambique
4. Presentation of case studies from the region
5. Axioms and guidelines on sustainable use, with focus on forest biodiversity, including timber and non-timber forest resources (NTFR).
6. Other matters
7. Adoption of the report
8. Closure of the meeting

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ORGANIZATION OF WORK: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. The Workshop on Biological Diversity and Sustainable Use is being held in accordance with Decision V/24 of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity on biological diversity and sustainable use as a cross-cutting issue.
2. In paragraph 5 of decision V/24 adopted at its fifth session, in May 2000, the Conference of the Parties, *inter alia*,:

“Invite[d] Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to undertake appropriate actions to assist other Parties, especially developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to increase their capacity to implement sustainable-use practices, programmes and policies at regional, national and local levels, especially in pursuit of poverty alleviation. Appropriate actions may include:

 - (a) Workshops;”
3. The purpose of the workshops in a series of three is to identify elements for guidelines for the sustainable use of biodiversity. This workshop, convened by the Executive Secretary with the generous support of the Government of The Netherlands, is the second and will highlight elements related to the sustainable use of forest biodiversity, including timber and non-timber forest resources (NTFR), which will be further developed in a workshop to be held in the South American region at a later date.
4. Participants in the workshop will be selected among government-designated experts in Asia with a balanced regional distribution. Additional participants representing the other UN regions were selected among those experts who participated in the first meeting held in Maputo, Mozambique. Also representatives of competent intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as stakeholders will be invited to participate as observers.
5. A list of the documents for the meeting is provided in Annex I.

6. The Secretariat has distributed an information note containing details of registration and logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel visa requirements, accommodation and other matters.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

7. The meeting will be opened by the Executive Secretary or his representative at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 9 January 2002. The representative of the host country and the Executive Secretary will make introductory remarks.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of Officers

8. Participants will be invited to elect the Chair and Rapporteur for the meeting on the basis of proposals from the floor.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

9. The Workshop may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda proposed in document UNEP/CBD/WG-Sustainable Use/2/1 which has been prepared by the Executive Secretary on the basis of decision V/24.

2.3. Organization of work

10. The language of the meeting will be English.

11. The Workshop may wish to carry out its work in plenary and establish working groups as required. A suggested structured timetable for the workshop and allocation of work between the two working groups are provided in Annex II.

ITEM 3. ELEMENTS FOR GUIDELINES ON SUSTAINABLE USE, WITH FOCUS ON FOREST BIODIVERSITY , INCLUDING TIMBER AND NON-TIMBER FOREST RESOURCES

12. In addressing the main substantive item, participants may wish to bear in mind, that in this workshop the focus on the elements of the guidelines will be mainly on forest biodiversity, including timber and non-timber forest resources (NTFR). However, experiences from the other thematic areas of the Convention on Biological Diversity will be taken into account.

13. The first regional workshop, held in Mozambique in September 2001, addressed sustainable use of terrestrial, dryland resources and game utilization. The report of that workshop is contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/INF/9. The third regional workshop, to be held in Ecuador in February 2002, will focus mainly on marine and freshwater capture fisheries. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its seventh session in November 2001 has recommended the organization of an additional meeting to synthesize practical principles and operational guidance drawing on the conclusions of these three regional workshops.

14. The output of the first regional workshop has been reported to SBSTTA 7; the results of the second and third workshops will be reported to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth session in April 2002.

15. The main purpose of the guidelines is to assist Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, public authorities and stakeholders at all levels, including policy- and decision-makers in various government ministries at the national or local level, managers in different economic sectors dealing with biodiversity or its components, the private sector, indigenous and local communities, non-governmental

organizations and other organizations, in their implementation of Article 10 of the Convention, in the framework of sustainable development and poverty alleviation.

16. As part of the elements of the guidelines, the workshop may also wish to make recommendations concerning the implementation of the guidelines, including public education and awareness raising activities, and monitoring of compliance, and follow-up activities contributing to their implementation. In addition, the workshop may consider making recommendations on activities for consideration by SBSTTA 9.

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

17. Under this item, participants may wish to raise for discussion other matters related to the subject-matter of the Workshop.

ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

18. The Group will consider and adopt its report on the basis of the draft report of the meeting to be prepared and presented by the Rapporteur.

19. The final report of the Workshop is expected to be presented by the Chair of the meeting for the consideration of the COP at its sixth meeting.

ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

20. The meeting will be closed at 13.00 p.m. on Saturday 12 January 2002.

Annex I

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE SECOND REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON
SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/2/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/2/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/INF/9 http://intranet.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-07/information/sbstta-07-inf-09-en.doc	Sustainable use: Progress on development of practical principles, operational guidance and associated instruments. Report of the Maputo Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity, 24-27 September 2001
COP Decision V/24 http://intranet.biodiv.org/decisions/Default.asp?lg=0&m=cop-05&d=24	Sustainable use as a cross-cutting issue
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/13 http://intranet.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-05/official/sbstta-05-13-en.doc	Sustainable use of the components of biological diversity
Recommendation VII/6	Forest Biological Diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/6 http://intranet.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-07/official/sbstta-07-06-en.doc	Forest Biological Diversity. Report of the ad hoc technical expert group on forest biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/7 http://intranet.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-07/official/sbstta-07-07-en.doc	Forest Biological Diversity. Consideration of specific threats to forest biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/INF/1 http://intranet.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-07/information/sbstta-07-inf-01-en.doc	Impacts of human-induced fires on biodiversity and ecosystem functioning, and their causes in tropical, temperate and boreal forest biomes
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/INF/2 http://intranet.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-07/information/sbstta-07-inf-02-en.doc	Sustainable management of non-timber forest resources
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/INF/3 http://intranet.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-07/information/sbstta-07-inf-03-en.doc	Forest biological diversity. Review of the status and trends of, and major threats to, the forest biological diversity, prepared by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Forest Biological Diversity
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/2/Inf. 1	List of Participants

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Annex II

**PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE SECOND REGIONAL WORKSHOP
ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

	Plenary	Working Group 1	Working Group 2
Wednesday 9 January 2002			
09:30-11:00	Item 1. Opening of the meeting Item 2. Organization of work Item 3. Feedback from the first regional workshop in Maputo, Mozambique		
11:00-11:30	Break		
11:30-13:00	Item 4. Presentation of case studies from the region		
14:30-16:30	Item 4. Presentation of case studies from the region (Cont'd)		
16:30-17:00	Break		
17:00-18:00	Item 5. Axioms and guidelines on sustainable use, with focus on forest biodiversity, including timber		
Thursday 10 January 2002			
09:00-11:00		Axioms	Guidelines
11:00-11:30		Break	Break
11:30-13:00		Axioms	Guidelines

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	Plenary	Working Group 1	Working Group 2
Thursday 10 January 2002 (Cont'd) 14:30-16:30		Axioms	Guidelines
16:30-17:00		Break	Break
17.00- 18:00	Plenary		
Friday 11 January 2002			
09:00-11:00		Axioms	Guidelines
11:00-11:30		Break	Break
11:30-13:00		Axioms	Guidelines
14:30-16:30		Axioms	Guidelines
16:30-17:00		Break	Break
17:00-18:00	Plenary		
Saturday 12 January 2002			
09:00-11:00	Item 6. Other matters		
11:00-11:30	Break		
11:30-13:00	Item 7. Adoption of the report Item 8. Closure of the meeting		
